



## Gift Materials @ *your library*<sup>TM</sup>

Volunteer Mary White has begun keeping statistics on the number of gift books, magazines, and other materials that the main library receives. In fiscal year 2003 she has handled **30,000** items!

If you have books, magazines, videos, CD's etc. which no longer interest you, we hope that you will consider donating them to the library. Often we can use materials that are in good condition for the library's collection. Some of the materials that are not needed for the collection are donated to local social service agencies. Others are sold on

the library's gift shelves. Money collected from the sale of these items is used to benefit the library's collection and programs.

For those of you unfamiliar with our gift area, it is near the front door on the adult side of the library. Both adult and children's materials are sold. Hardcover books may be purchased for \$.50, paperbacks for \$.25, and magazines for \$.10 each. The Downtown Branch Library also has a table of sale items.

## Early Friend of the Library Passes Away

Mary Elizabeth Hesson Pettyjohn passed away in August at her home in Amherst County. Mrs. Pettyjohn, a graduate of Sweet Briar College, taught English in the Amherst County School system before becoming a librarian in the Lynchburg City Schools. She was a member of a 1961 committee that formed to promote the establishment of a tax-supported public library. As a result of that group's work, the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library was formed in 1964, and the Lynchburg Public Library was established in 1966. Other members of the committee were James B. Dodd (chair), Mary Breazeale, Tyler Gemmell, Mildred Johnson, Jimmie Kyle, Lydia Newland, Dorothy Pratt, Eva Shoker, Edley Stone, Martha Bell, Susan Fain (Davis), Nancy Harris, Claudine Kizer, Lucy Meade, D.M. Roberts, Helen Sinclair, and Mary Weise.

## Chapter-A-Day Adds New Book Clubs

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The library's Online Book Club has just added ten new book clubs. Go to the library's web page at [www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary) and click on the Online Book Club icon to sign up for any of the following book clubs: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Business, Good News, Romance, Mystery, Science Fiction, Teen, Audio, Horror, or Pre-Pub.

Join a book club and every day you'll receive a portion of a book in your email. After you've read two or three chapters from a book, you will start receiving portions of a new book. It's free and you can read at more than one club. Join today, and start taking a five-minute reading break every day.



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### From Volunteer to Employee @ *your library*<sup>TM</sup>

When teenagers apply to become volunteers at the library, they have to fill out an application, be interviewed and attend an hour-long new volunteer orientation. Many of the library's young volunteers have never been employed and the volunteer experience is often their first look at the adult world of having a job. Usually teens have no work experience and are at a disadvantage when applying for that first real job. But volunteer experience can give teens a leg up when applying for the first job.

Sometimes a volunteer job can lead to a paid position. Eight Lynchburg Public Library volunteers have moved from volunteering to getting paid to work at the library. Several teens started out as volunteers then moved on to become employees including Greg Stern, Duyen Ho, Amelia Meyer, Morgan Vance, Holly Schubert and Nathan

Verilla. Most of the teens have been employed as shelveers.

Two adult volunteers have also moved on to become employees including our newest employee, Periodicals and Mail Clerk Susan Allmon. Sue became a volunteer in September 2001 and has volunteered 250 hours shelf-reading and mending books. Not only did she volunteer; she encouraged her two teenage daughters, Lynn and Elizabeth to volunteer as well.

Stuart Byczynski, our Gates Computer Lab Coordinator, also started out as a volunteer and was hired to run the computer lab when that opened in January 2002.

A love for the library and reading often brings people in to volunteer and that same love of books can make it easy to turn a good volunteer into a great employee.

### Renovations @ *your library*<sup>TM</sup>

Upon entering the library, you probably noticed that "something is different." A closer look reveals that walls and columns have been stripped of their paper. This is the first step in preparation for long awaited improvements to the library's interior. Within the next few weeks, papering and painting will begin. In early November, the circulation desk and entrance carpeting will be replaced. This will require the library to be closed for several days, but it will be worth it! The new desk will increase staff

efficiency and relieve congestion at the entrance. We will give you plenty of notice about when we will be closed and you will benefit by being able to keep your library materials a few extra days! **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated gift items and/or purchased sale items over the years – this is how we are funding our improvements! We're excited about having a new look and hope you will be too.

*Ona Turner Dowdy, Circulation Supervisor*

### Cell Phone Reminder @ *your library*<sup>TM</sup>

Cell phones can be a great convenience, but are disruptive to other library patrons. The Lynchburg Public Library code of conduct prohibits their use within the library. We ask that you turn off cell phones while in the library. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Adult Summer Reading Program @ *your library*<sup>TM</sup>

The 2003 Adult Summer Reading Program is now history. Over 50 people participated in our newly styled program this summer. Each participant who turned in his or her reading log was awarded a small prize. In addition, a weekly drawing was held for larger prizes – merchandise and gift certificates from local merchants. We would like to thank the following area businesses for their contributions to our Adult Summer Reading Program: **Bed, Bath and Beyond, Candy Dreams, Denyce's Deli, Givens Books, High Peak Sportswear, The Neighbors Place.**

If you didn't get a chance to participate this year, we hope you will participate in 2004!

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#### DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

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#### LIBRARY HOURS Main

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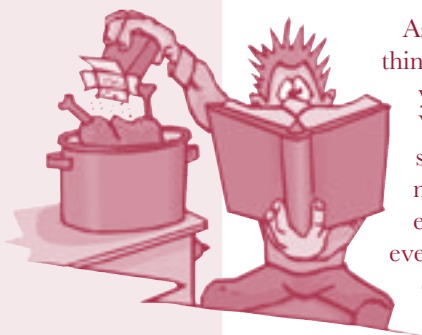
#### Downtown Branch

Mon.– Fri.  
9:30 AM-5:30 PM



## Youth Services @ your library™

### COOKING: A FEAST OF FUN



As the holiday season approaches, think of the fun you can have with your children in the kitchen. Younger children learn math and science while they measure and mix. Older children learn about ethnic foods and geography. And everyone can learn the language of food hidden in popular anecdotes.

The Youth Services Department offers a wide variety of cookbooks for all ages that will provide you with one more way to spend quality time with your children...in the kitchen. Some of the books we suggest include:

- **The Easy Menu Ethnic Cookbook Series** features an introduction to the cooking of many different foreign countries and cultures. In addition to this series, there are many other international and ethnic cookbooks in the children's collection.
- **Eat Your Words; A Fascinating Look at the Language of Food** is a splendid book that is as informative as it is entertaining. As a matter of fact, you might think twice about eating another canapé when you learn the origin of the word!
- **The Math Chef** provides over 60 math and cookery activities by presenting math concepts and reinforcing them with recipes. Have you ever considered how much soup is in a bowl of soup or how much lettuce you need for 6 salads?
- **OK, So Now You're a Vegetarian** provides vegetarian versions of foods teenagers already love. Written by a teen, this young voice provides teenagers and their parents with a unique, invaluable and fun-to-use cookbook.
- **The Science Chef Travels around the World** introduces fourteen countries, describes an experiment related to some basic food ingredient typical for each country and provides a recipe for a complete meal based on each food.

- **Simple Kitchen Experiments** includes a variety of simple experiments involving food and cooking principles examining such questions as the effects of heat on different foods, the difference between baking powder and baking soda and the role of salt.
- **The United States Cookbook: Fabulous Foods and Fascinating Facts from All 50 States** provides information about the fifty states along with a recipe native to each of them. So while you're making Mallo-Mallo Fudge Squares from Utah, you can also learn the origin of the name Utah. In other words, you get a good serving of food and geography per chapter. Want to guess what recipe represents Virginia?\*

So get started now with having fun in the kitchen. Your Thanksgiving meal might well be a family affair that begins before the meal is served.

**Don't forget:** the last step in cooking, whether you use the stove or not, is straightening up. This means putting away the food you've used, throwing the scraps into the garbage, rinsing or soaking the dirty dishes, pots, and pans, and cleaning the counter tops. Then you're ready to begin all over again. (*By Yourself* by Sara Gilbert, page 52.)

Bon Appetit! (Enjoy the meal!)

Lorry Risinger

Youth Services Coordinator, 847-1717

\*VIRGINIA HAD WITH CHEEKY SAUCE

### Teen Summer Reading Project 2003

#### Take the Challenge! Read and Rescue!

For every book teens read between June 23 and September 13, \$1.00 will be donated for food to the **Lynchburg Humane Society.**

Pick up a **Read and Rescue** reading log in the Youth Services department and enter a maximum of five books that you have read during the summer. The reading logs must be returned to the library by **September 13.**

This project is made possible with funding from The Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library.  
Lorry Risinger Youth Services Coordinator 847-1717



## Youth Services Fall 2003

### Weekly Programs

Registration begins Tuesday, September 2.  
Registration must be done in person.



#### TALES FOR TWOS

20-minute programs designed especially for 2-year-old listeners and their parents. A parent or caregiver must attend. Siblings are welcome.

September 15 – December 9  
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

30-minute programs designed especially for children ages 3-5.

September 16 – December 10  
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.



While parents do not attend storytime with preschoolers, we rely on them to be our partners and ask that they remain in the library during programs.

#### Monthly Programs

Drop-in. Registration not required.



#### BORN TO READ STORYTIME

Lapsit programs of rhymes, stories, songs, and activities, designed for children under the age of two.

Second Friday of each month. 10:30 a.m.  
September 12  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12



#### BEDTIME STORYTIME

All members of the family are invited.  
First Thursday of each month. 7:00 p.m.  
September 4 – A Walk Through the Woods  
October 2 – Big and Gray  
November 6 – Where Are the Bears?  
December 4 – Brrrr! It's Cold Outside!



#### HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Craft activities for children of all ages!  
Halloween: Saturday, October 25, 2 – 4 p.m.  
Thanksgiving: Saturday, November 22, 2 – 4 p.m.  
New Year: Tuesday, December 30, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 31, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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### Update on Magazines @ your library™

Many of our serials subscriptions have been in turmoil since our previous serials vendor declared bankruptcy earlier this year. Many libraries nationwide were affected at a time when they could least afford it. We are happy to report that the C.W. Cox Company of North Carolina has been selected as our new serials vendor. It should not take too long for our magazine subscriptions to

be up to date once again. A number of staff had a hand in making the transition to a new vendor. However, special recognition should go to our new employee, Sue Allmon, who has borne the lion's share of the work. Thanks to all of our patrons who donated magazines that helped to fill in gaps in our collection. Thank you, too, for your patience the last few months.